

**CITY OF RINGGOLD
STATE OF GEORGIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – 0426-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA BY AMENDING CHAPTER 22 CAPTIONED “BUSINESSES” BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 22-33 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 22-33; BY STRIKING, DELETING AND REPEALING SECTION 22-34 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IN LIEU THEREOF A NEW SECTION 22-34; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is authorized under Article IX, Section II, Paragraph III of the Constitution of the State of Georgia to adopt reasonable ordinances to protect and improve the public health, safety, welfare, and aesthetics of the citizens of the City of Ringgold, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is the Mayor and Council thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 22 captioned “Businesses” by striking, deleting and repealing Section 22-33 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 22-33 which shall read as follows:

Sec. 22-33. - Pool halls, game rooms, games of chance, gambling machines prohibited.

Nothing in this article shall authorize the licensing of pool halls, game rooms, games of chance and gambling machines; and these are specifically prohibited within the corporate limits of the city; provided that a single place of business having two pool tables or fewer will not violate this Sec. 22-33.

Section 2.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Ringgold, Georgia is hereby amended by amending Chapter 22 captioned “Businesses” by striking, deleting and repealing Section 22-34 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 22-34 which shall read as follows:

Sec. 22-34. - Prohibitions and restrictions.

- (a) No person holding a license under this article shall permit persons under the age of 18 years of age to play or operate any mechanical amusement device between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. of any day.
- (b) Adequate space shall be provided for each jukebox, mechanical amusement device, and vending machine so as to allow its use without overcrowding. The floor area devoted to the placement of mechanical amusement devices shall be a minimum of one machine for every forty square feet of game floor area.
- (c) Mechanical amusement devices are an accessory to a commercial use in any C-1, C-2 and C-3 districts provided they are located in the same premises as the use to which they are accessory and are incidental to such use.
- (d) No person holding a license under this article shall permit the playing of jukeboxes between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day.

Section 3.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 4.

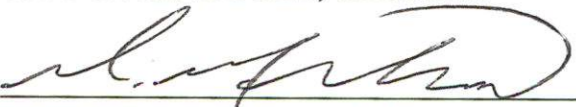
It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council of the City of Ringgold that the section, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or sections of this Ordinance.

Section 5.

The adoption date of this Ordinance shall be April 26, 2021. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be its adoption date

SO ORDAINED, this 26th day of April, 2021.

CITY OF RINGGOLD, GEORGIA



NICK MILLWOOD, MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK